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INTERVIEW OF PENN JONES AND ROGER CRAIG
(by Hal Verb - Feb. 25, 1968)

Verb: "This is Hal Verb. I'm in Los Angeles and the day is February 25, 1968. I'm in the same room with Penn Jones, author and critic of the Warren Commission and also Roger Craig who was a witness to the assassination of President Kennedy.

"I'm going to ask a few questions of both of these gentlemen. Penn - you made a remark just a few minutes ago in which you said that we've come a long way since the last time that we met about a year ago. Can you tell me just exactly what we've accomplished in this year?"

Jones: "Yes - I - I think uh with all of the road blocks that have been put in our path - I think we've made amazing progress. I think - uh - you know I used to say that there were three guns firing at the President. Now I think there were five guns. I think there were at least that many guns in reserve waiting for the President between the place where the killing took place and the luncheon site.

"I think we know now that both the FBI and the Secret Service knew as early as November the 13th that there was a plot to kill President Kennedy. We - we now know - I think - the CIA was involved - uh - uh how high above that - uh - we could go at this time I - I'm not really sure. But - uh - I think it's important that - uh - for the first time we have - uh - uh - a very - I think - the most important live witness who's willing to talk with us - he's with you here tonight- Roger Craig was a deputy sheriff on the day of the assassination. He was - uh - man of the year for the sheriff's department in Dallas in 1960. Uh - unfortunately Roger Craig - uh - told xx the truth what he saw - uh - immediately after the President was killed and his fortunes went down with Sheriff Bill Decker in Dallas - uh - from November - from the time he testified before the Warren Commission attorney until he finally got his freedom - uh - July the fourth, 1967. Shortly after that Craig went to - uh - New Orleans to talk to Jim Garrison - uh - and he was followed from the time he left the New Orleans airport to go into Garrison's office until the time that he was - uh - shot at - uh - on a street in Dallas on November first, 1967.

Verb: "Yes, Penn - uh - I'd like to get into the fortunes of Mr. Craig - uh - since the time of the assassination. What sort of (__?__). Now you were a witness to the assassination. Just exactly what did you tell the Commission(__?__) for instance, is there any evidence(__?__).

Craig: "Yes, I told them that - uh - I talked to many people directly after the assassination. I found a couple by the name of Rowland. Mr. Rowland told me that he had seen two men on the sixth floor fifteen minutes prior to the assassination, one on the west end walking back and forth, one on the southeast corner with a rifle - a bolt-action rifle with a scope. He later- he looked back up - the man on the west end was gone. The man with the bolt action rifle and scope was still on the southeast corner (__?__) xxx I turned this man over to officer Lummy Lewis. I proceeded across Elm Street. There had been some rumor that a projectile had struck the curb on the south side of Elm Street. I went over there with Buddy Waltners. He's the deputy sheriff and still is, I might add (coughs), and during the time we was looking at the curb on the south side I heard a shrill whistle.

"I turned around and saw a white male running down the grassy knoll and riding slowly west on Elm Street was a light green Rambler station wagon. Driving this car was a very dark complected male, heavy build, dark wavy or curly hair wearing a tan jacket. There's a man running down the hill jumped into the car and they sped off west on Elm Street.

"This - uh - this is the testimony I gave the Warren Commission (coughs). They changed it some fourteen times. They changed the man driving the car with the jacket from tan to white - the color of the car from light green to white - uh - various other. The situation - the position of the man who was holding the rifle they changed it, pretty much. The other instance was at the time I talked to Rowland. This was before he knew the shots even came from that particular place."

Verb: "Yes, I noticed one of the (points?) that was made about the changes being made was a change in the plates. In other words you said that the plates came from another State."

Craig: "Yes, Mr. (?) asked me - uh - to check the plates on the car and I said they were not the same color - uh - some time during the - my testimony - and the time they made up the transcript they changed it. They took the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ 'not' out of it and they said it wasn't a Texas plate but it was the same color.

Verb: "It was not?"

Craig: "It was not a Texas plate.

Jones: "Hal - let me add that this man is one of the few witnesses who was not given a copy of his testimony or was not even offered to be allowed to read through his testimony after it was transcribed. For, if he was allowed the chance to see the transcript changes were going to be made in his testimony.

Verb: "There are a couple of other questions I'd like to ask you. You said that you recognized this person as being Oswald in the car. What exactly did you see on that day that you can tell us?"

Craig: "Around 4:30 that evening after we had heard that they had picked up a suspect (cough) I - uh - thought about the man running down the grassy knoll and I (saw) Captain Fritz up at his office to give him the description and he said that it sounded like the person they had in his office- the suspect - asked me if I would come up and make an identification which I did. I identified the man in Captain Fritz's office that the man I saw running down the grassy knoll was Lee Harvey Oswald and pointed him out to Captain Fritz before he interviewed Oswald. When we entered Captain Fritz's office Cpatain Fritz asked me a question. ~~The~~ He first stated, he said warning he's a suspect - this man ~~[illegible]~~ saw you leaving and, of course, Oswald replied 'I told you people I did'. Fritz tried to calm him down a little. 'Just settle down, son' he tried to tell him- - -

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Craig: "Yes it did seem unusual---

---and I was told by a man standing on the steps well dressed—that he was a Secret Service agent. He had a pencil pad in his hand. I gave him the information.

--- He was interested only if I had seen --

No. He answered one question."---